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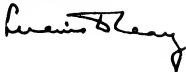
Dear Mr. President:

Thank you very much for  
your letter.

I am not returning home  
for Christmas as it could be the wrong  
time to be away from Berlin. If the  
Soviet forces plan another "squeeze" in  
the immediate future (which I doubt),  
they would time it for the Christmas  
season, expecting us to be off guard.

I do hope, however, that  
it will be a quiet period here and else-  
where so that you may have the opportunity  
to relax at least a little and to enjoy  
the Christmas Season.

Faithfully yours,



The President,  
The White House.